GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Finance Department - Constitution of Committee of Secretaries for bringing greater efficiency in public service delivery, expenditure optimisation & revenue augmentation - Orders - Issued.

FINANCE (RM&FP) DEPARTMENT

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The World Health Organisation (WHO) has declared the outbreak of COVID-19 as a pandemic in March 2020, in response to which several countries, including India, have been forced to take strict containment measures.

2. In accordance with the guidelines of Government of India, the Government of Andhra Pradesh responded to the crisis of the first wave of Covid-19 with imposition of strict lockdown in the State. This had brought economic activity to a complete standstill for several months. At the start of 2021, just as there were signs of the 1st wave subsiding and a gradual revival of economic activity, the country was hit by the 2nd wave starting February 2021, delaying the return to normalcy. Experts believe that India is vulnerable to an imminent 3rd wave of Covid-19 too, and hence the Central and State governments have to be in a constant state of alert to keep the loss of lives at a minimum level.

3. The revenues of the State Government have been badly impacted on account of disruption of economic activities due to Covid-19 induced containment and mitigation measures. It is increasingly apparent that the pandemic will have a severe & continual impact on the State economy & therefore upon the realisation of tax revenues. These circumstances necessitate the State Government to take appropriate & timely measures to review existing systems of public service delivery, optimise the expenditure & augment the state revenues.

4. In the above context, the Government hereby constitutes a Committee of Secretaries, chaired by the Chief Secretary to Government & composed of the following members.

S.No.	Persons	Designation
1	Chief Secretary	Chairman
2	CCLA & Spl.C.S.to Government	Member
3	Principal Secretary, Finance	Member
4	Principal Secretary, GAD (Services) Department	Member
5	Principal Secretary, GAD (SR) Department	Member
6	Secretary (RM&FP), Finance Department	Convenor

5. The Terms of Reference of the Committee shall be as follows:

i. Identify steps to be taken for the improvement of public service delivery, enhance operational efficiency through better design and implementation of government programmes.
ii. Based on assessment of available revenues and financing, suggest measures to optimise government expenditure so that government moneys are spent most productively.
iii. Consider and suggest comprehensive list of measures to augment state revenues.
iv. Policy measures and relevant changes needed in the law, improved compliance monitoring and anti-evasion measures using better administrative coordination.
v. Formulate measures to identify and eliminate avoidable expenditure, optimise public spending as to realise better outputs and outcomes, and greater value for money from public spending in general.
vi. Departmental restructuring to realise functional synergies and also limit wastage and duplication of resources**.**

6. The Committee shall undertake the review of every Department of the Government with regards to improvement in public service delivery, expenditure optimisation and revenue augmentation.

7. The Committee may invite or co-opt other officers and experts who can contribute to realisation of its objectives.

8. The Committee shall meet at least once in a month and more often, if required.

9. A copy of this order is available at https://goir.ap.gov.in

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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